

CLAIMS

1. An animation creating apparatus comprising:
a voiced/silent decision section that decides
5 whether speech is voiced or silent and outputs a decision
result in continuous values indicating degrees of
voicedness; and
an animation creating section that creates lip-sync
animation using the voiced decision result output from
10 said voiced/silent decision section.
2. The animation creating apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said voiced/silent decision section outputs
continuous values indicating said degrees of voicedness.
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3. The animation creating apparatus according to claim
1, wherein said animation creating section sequentially
selects corresponding images from a plurality of
prestored images using the voiced/silent decision result
20 output from said voiced/silent decision section and
creates lip-sync animation.
4. An animation creating method comprising:
a voiced/silent decision step of deciding whether
25 speech is voiced or silent and outputting a decision result
in continuous values indicating degrees of voicedness;
and

an animation creating step of creating lip-sync animation using the voiced decision result output from said voiced/silent decision step.